

## **The Town of Upper Marlboro**

RESOLUTION: 2020-19  
SESSION: Regular Board Work Session  
DATED: June 23, 2020

### **A RESOLUTION AND ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO EXTENDING THE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY INITIALLY ISSUED ON MARCH 25, 2020 AND IMPOSING ADDITIONAL SAFEGUARDS FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION CALLED TO FILL A VACANCY**

**WHEREAS**, at the June 9, 2020, Regular Town Meeting, Town Commissioner Kai Bernal-LeClaire announced his plans to resign from his elected office within the Town due to a pending change of domicile; and

**WHEREAS**, the letter of resignation as tendered and dated June 16, 2020, Commissioner Bernal-LeClaire stipulates that the resignation will be effective on Wednesday June 24, 2020 (Exhibit A); and

**WHEREAS**, per Section 82–29. (Special Elections) of the Town Charter, a special election shall be held not less than thirty (30) days and not more than forty–five (45) days after the vacancy is created; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan initially declared a state of emergency in response to concerns about the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, an initial Emergency Declaration was declared by the President on March 25, 2020 as extended thereafter.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, by the Board of Commissioners for The Town of Upper Marlboro, sitting in regular session this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020, that the Town Board of Commissioners accepts the above-referenced resignation and hereby declares a vacancy on the Board as of Wednesday June 24, 2020, and the date of the Special Election shall be held on Monday, July 27, 2020, with the below measures or precautions put in place to protect voters from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):

#### Modified Election Procedures In Response to COVID-19:

1. Limit of 10 persons in voting room/conference room at a time (including three election judges),
2. Voters will enter one door and exit a different door,
3. 6-foot social distancing and masks will be required within the polling place,
4. Voters will be screened via temperature checks prior to entering Town Hall,

5. Any otherwise qualified voter whose screening exceeds acceptable guidelines will be offered a provisional or emergency absentee ballot for which to vote,
6. Hand sanitizer available at every voting booth and station to include measures for sanitizing voting equipment and other surfaces, such as pens and tables, and, paper towels, hand sanitizer, tissue to be made available, and
7. Elections judges and voting booths will be protected by plexiglass shields.

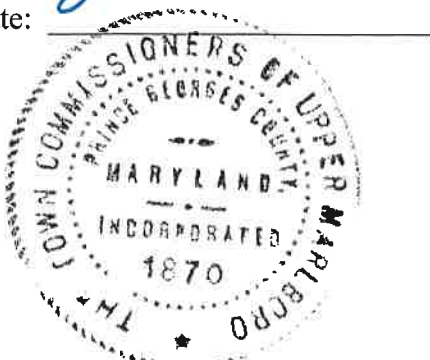
**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED**, by the Board of Commissioners for The Town of Upper Marlboro that this Resolution shall modify and extend, as applicable, any prior existing proclamation or order of the President until such time that the present health emergency is declared terminated.

ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF UPPER MARLBORO

Clerk

Date:



Linda Pennoyer, President

Wanda M. Leonard, Commissioner

Kai Bernal-LeClaire, Commissioner

[EXHIBIT A- COMMISSIONER BERNAL-LECLAIRE LETTER OF RESIGNATION]

#### CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of the Town of Upper Marlboro and that the Board of Town Commissioners of the Town of Upper Marlboro at a public meeting at which a quorum was present adopted this Resolution, and that said Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been amended or repealed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the municipal corporation, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2020.

M. David Williams, Town Clerk